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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 11-134497, published May 21, 1999.
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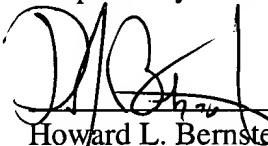
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